Thomas Smith
26th Mass

26 Regiment of Foot

ACCOUNT BOOK

OF

Thomas Smith

No. 8880

Every Entry in this Book is to be made under the Inspection of the Officer Commanding the Company to which the Man belongs, and any Entry regarding Promotion, Wounds, or distinguished Conduct, is to be in the Hand-Writing of, and signed by the Officer.

By Authority.

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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

The principal objects for which a Soldier is required to be in possession of this Book, are, to secure to him, whilst in the Army, a proper settlement of his Pay, Allowances, and Clothing, and that he may have a record, establishing his claim to any benefits to which he may be entitled under Her Majesty's Regulations for granting Pensions, Allowances, and Gratuities, to discharged Soldiers, who have performed good and faithful Service.

It is therefore the Soldier's interest to take care that his Book is at all times correctly and completely kept.

When a Soldier is discharged, he is to take his Book away with him: in the event of a Soldier dying in the Service, his Book will be forwarded to his relations; and, if it contain a record of Wounds received in action, or of distinguished acts of bravery, it will remain an honourable memorial of his character and conduct.

REWARDS FOR GOOD CONDUCT.

Pensions.

The following is an Abstract of some of the benefits conferred on a deserving Soldier by Her Majesty's Pension Regulations.

If discharged on account of the Public Service.

	A Pension for Life.
After 28 Years' Service in the Cavalry, After 25 Years' Service in the Infantry,	1*s.* 2*d.* a day.
After 24 Years' Service in the Cavalry, After 21 Years' Service in the Infantry,	1*s.* a day.

If discharged at his own request.

	A Pension for Life not exceeding
After 24 Years' Service in the Cavalry, After 21 Years' Service in the Infantry,	10*d.* a day.

If discharged as a Non-commissioned Officer after the periods already mentioned, and having served *three* years as such, without interruption, immediately preceding his discharge, the following additions may be granted for every year of service as a Non-commissioned Officer.

	d.		*s.*	*d.*
Serjeant Major	2½	Total Pension for Service, not to exceed . .	2	4
Quarter Master Serjeant . .	2		2	2
Serjeant	1		1	10
Corporal	½		1	4

A Soldier discharged on account of a wound received in action is allowed a Pension agreeably to a scale, varying in amount according to the severity of the wound and the degree of the disability, as follows :—

	s.	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*	
Serjeant, from	1	0	to	3	6	a day for life.
Corporal „	0	9	to	3	0	„
Private „	0	6	to	2	0	„

As an indulgence, to be conferred upon the deserving Soldier in proportion to his good Conduct and length of Service, but in no case as a matter of right, Soldiers, under certain conditions, are allowed to purchase, or obtain their Discharge, according to the following scale:—

Period.	For Men serving in the	
	Cavalry.	Infantry.
Under 7 Years' actual Service ..	£30	£20
After 7 Years' ditto ..	25	18
„ 10 „ ..	21	15
„ 12 „ ..	15	10
„ 14 „ ..	12	5
„ 15 „ ..	6	Free Discharge at home, and three Months' Pay abroad.
„ 16 „ ..	Free Discharge.	Free Discharge, and three Months' Pay at home, and six Months' Pay abroad.
„ 17 „ ..	Free Discharge, and three Months' Pay.	Free Discharge, and six Months' Pay at home, and one Year's Pay abroad.
„ 18 „ . & to 21 „ .	Free Discharge, and six Months' Pay.	Free Discharge, & one Year's Pay at home, and one and a half Year's Pay abroad.

It is, however, to be distinctly understood, that a Soldier who purchases his Discharge, or accepts a free Discharge at his own request, has no claim to Pension, except to the deferred Pension specified in the scale, and, should he subsequently re-enlist, that his past Service will not be allowed to reckon.

Where a grant of Land in the Colonies can be made to a Soldier, in addition to a free Discharge, the Gratuity of full Pay will be paid to him in the most advantageous mode; and as an additional benefit, when he is settled and industriously employed in clearing his Land, a Gratuity of a Quarter's Pension at Sixpence a day may be made to him, and extended for a period not exceeding four Quarters.

With the view of rewarding meritorious Soldiers when discharged, a Gratuity, in addition to the Pension which the Soldier may be granted, will, in certain cases, be given annually, of £15 to one Serjeant, or of £7 to one Corporal, and of £5 to one Private, in every Regiment of an establishment of 700 Rank and File.

A Soldier, to be recommended for this Gratuity, must have completed twenty-four years of actual service in the Cavalry, and twenty-one in the Infantry, have never been convicted by a Court-Martial, and must have borne an irreproachable character, or have particularly distinguished himself by his Bravery in the Service.

The Serjeant must have served ten years, and the Corporal seven years, in their respective Ranks.

These Gratuities will be published in Regimental Orders and in a Soldier's Certificate of Discharge, and a notification of them will be made to the Parish to which the

Soldier belongs, as a testimonial to his friends and relations of the high Character, or Bravery, by which he has been distinguished in Her Majesty's Service.

CLAIM TO PENSION HOW FORFEITED.

Whilst the Soldier is fully apprised of the benefits to be obtained by Her Majesty's benevolence and gracious consideration towards the deserving Soldier, he must be equally aware, that any attempt on his part to obtain those benefits by unworthy means will be attended with the forfeiture of his Claim, it being provided in the Articles of War, that any Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, who, by any false statement, or document, or concealment of the truth, shall attempt to obtain for himself, or other person, a Pension, Gratuity, or Discharge, or who shall be privy to a false Entry in any Book or Document whatever, recording, or relating to, the Services, Character, or Conduct of a Soldier, or who, by producing a false Certificate, Voucher, or Account, shall misapply the Public Money, or shall attempt to evade the true spirit and meaning of the Orders and Regulations relating to these points, shall, on proof thereof before a Court-Martial, be liable to *Transportation*, or to *General Service*, or to *Corporal Punishment*, and to *forfeiture of all Claim to Pension* on Discharge, and of all *Additional Pay* whilst serving.

ARTICLES OF WAR.

OBEDIENCE IS THE FIRST DUTY OF A SOLDIER.

For the following Offences the Articles of War inflict on the Soldier the penalty of *Death*, *Transportation*, or such other punishment as a Court-Martial may award :—

Mutiny.
Desertion.
Cowardice.
Holding Correspondence with the Enemy.
Quitting his post in search of Plunder.
Personal violence to a Superior, or disobedience of his Lawful Commands.
Forcing a Safe-Guard.
Betraying the Watchword.
Giving false Alarms.
Casting away Arms or Ammunition.
Sleeping on or quitting his Post.

For the following Offences a Soldier is liable to be punished by *Transportation*, or *General Service*, or *Corporal Punishment*, and, in addition to any other punishment, by forfeiture of all Claim to *Pension* on *Discharge*, and of all *Additional Pay* whilst serving.

Using traitorous words against the Queen or Royal Family.

Persuading to desert, or harbouring a Deserter.
Being Drunk on Duty.
Breaking Arrest.
Giving a different Watchword.
Spreading false reports in the Field.
In Action, or Previous to Action, using words tending to create alarm.
Quitting Ranks without Leave.
Being made Prisoner by neglect.
Seizing Supplies.
Disgraceful and vicious Conduct.
Refusing Assistance to, or impeding, the Provost Marshal.
Embezzling, or misapplying, Money or Stores.

For the following Offences, a Soldier is to be punished according to the nature and degree of the offence.

Speaking to the hurt or dishonour of the General, or other Commander-in-Chief of the Forces.
Neglect of Orders on Duty.
Hiring another Person to do his Duty without authority.
Absence from Parade.
Giving false alarms at home by discharging Fire-Arms, &c.
Lying out of Quarters.
Being found One Mile from the Camp without Leave.
Permitting Baggage-Waggons or Carriages to be overloaded.

Selling, losing, or spoiling his Arms, Accoutrements, or Necessaries.

Selling, losing, or ill-treating his Horse.

Committing waste, or destroying Property.

Non-commissioned Officer striking or ill-treating a Soldier.

Vexations appeal from a Regimental Court-Martial.

Any Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, convicted of embezzling or misapplying Money entrusted to him, is to be put under Stoppages till the Money is made good.

A soldier convicted of malingering, of feigning or producing disease, of injuring his health by vice or intemperance, of absenting himself from Hospital whilst under medical treatment, or of a gross violation of the rules of the Hospital, may be tried for disgraceful conduct, and shall be subjected to the pains and penalties attached to that Offence; and a Soldier convicted of disgraceful conduct having been once previously convicted of an offence of a disgraceful character, or of offences which render him unworthy to be retained in the Army, may, in addition to any other punishment, be discharged with ignominy, and will thereby *forfeit all claim to Pension,* or Allowance on discharge.

A Soldier who shall become maimed or mutilated by the firing off of his musket, or by any other means, is to be tried by a Court-Martial, and if it be found by the Court that the maiming or mutilating was the effect of design, he shall not be discharged, but shall be employed on Military work. If a Soldier tamper with his Eyes, or by vice, intemperance, or misconduct, shall cause the

total or partial loss of his Sight, he shall not be entitled to his Discharge, or to a Pension, but shall be detained in an Eye Infirmary.

A Soldier convicted of having been four times drunk within twelve months, or twice drunk when for parade of duty, within twelve months, may be deprived of his additional Pay, or of the Allowance in lieu of Beer, for a period not exceeding two years.

Any Person having been discharged from the Army, who shall re-enlist, and when questioned by the Magistrate, at the time of being attested, shall conceal or misrepresent the cause of his Discharge, shall not reckon his past Service, nor be allowed a Pension if again discharged for Disability.

All Crimes not capital, and all Disorders and Neglects which Soldiers may be guilty of to the prejudice of Military Discipline, though not specified in the Articles of War, are to be taken Cognizance of by Courts-Martial, and punished according to the nature and degree of the offence.

COMPLAINTS.

When a Soldier has any complaint to make, he should appeal to the Captain of his Company; his tone and manner should be temperate and respectful; and if he prefers to be accompanied by a Non-commissioned Officer, he should request a Serjeant of the Company to go with him. No Soldier, on any account, is to presume to make a complaint to his Officer for another Soldier who conceives he is aggrieved; and not more than two Soldiers should approach the Officer, to make a complaint at one and the same time.

Enlisted for the 26 Regiment of Infantry on the 22 Decr 1830 at Burdwan in the County of Burdwan at the age of 8 years 4 months.
Born in the Parish of Gibraltar in or near the Town of Gibraltar in the County of Gibraltar
Trade or Calling, Laborer
Size 3 Feet 9 Inches.
Complexion Fair
Eyes — Grey
Hair — Fair
Marks None

Promotions or Reductions in Rank.

Corpl 17th March 1847

Services (if any) prior to his Enlistment into 26 Regt

None

Services Abroad.

Landed in India 22nd Dec.r 1830
Landed in China — July 1840
Returned to India — February 1843
Landed in England 3 July 1843

Wounds.

Distinguished himself.

Received a Medal for Services in China —

Cause and Date of becoming Non-effective.

If Married, date and place of Marriage, and Christian Name of Wife.

Married Dec^{r} 2nd 1846 – Dublin St Paul's Church

Helen

Children (if any), date and place of Birth, and Christian Name.

A Soldier is not to marry without a written sanction, obtained from his Commanding Officer. Should he marry without this sanction, his Wife will not be allowed in Barracks, nor to follow the Regiment, nor will she participate in the indulgences granted to the Wives of other Soldiers.

Soldier's Number. 880

Every Soldier is to communicate to his Friends the number by which he is known in the Regiment, and to acquaint them, that in all inquiries which they make after him, whether addressed to the Regiment or to the War Office, they are to state such number.

NEXT OF KIN.

Degree of Relationship.	NAME.	Latest known Residence*.	
		County.	Parish and Town
~~Brother~~ Wife –	~~James Smith~~ Helen –	~~Mid Lothian~~ 25 Regiment –	~~Edinburgh~~

* Any variation in the above to be noticed from time to time.

The Effects of a Soldier who dies without having made a Will are divided amongst his Relations of the nearest Kin, agreeably to the Statute of Distributions; and a Soldier should clearly understand that the insertion of the name of a Brother or Sister in the above form, when he has other Brothers or Sisters, will not give to such Brother or Sister a title to the whole of his Effects. The like in regard to any other Relation, when he has other Relations of the same degree.

Soldier's Signature. J Smith

Whenever a Soldier who cannot write makes his Mark in acknowledgment of having received Pay or Allowances, &c., such Mark is to be witnessed.

Bounty for which enlisted . . . . £2 - -

Proportion of Bounty received in Cash . . - - -

Proportion received in Necessaries . . . 2 - -

Specification of the Necessaries supplied to out of his Bounty, and the price of each Article.

Specification of the Necessaries which a Soldier of a Regiment of Infantry of the Line is required by Her Majesty's Clothing Warrant to be in possession of, and which are paid for by Stoppages from his Pay.

Pair of White Linen Trousers.
Pair of Short Boots.
Fatigue Jacket.
Three pairs of Socks.
} Except for Corps using Highland Clothing, to whidh the Kilt or Plaid Tfowsers are to be supplied.

Three Pair of Tartan Hose for Corps using Highland Clothing.
Pair of Shoes for Ditto.
Three Shirts; Black Stock; Pair of Braces.
Knapsack; Foraging Cap; Two Shoe Brushes.
Blacking Ball; Clothes Brush; Button Brush and Stick.
Sponge; Comb, with small teeth on one side; Razor.
Soap and Shaving Brush, without a Box.
Strap for carrying Great Coat.
Turnscrew, Brush, and Worm.
Pair of Mitts, when required by the climate.
Knife, Fork, and Spoon, with Case.
Mess-Tin and Cover.

26 *Regiment* Foot

MONTHLY SETTLEMENTS,

AND

CLOTHING ACCOUNT.

ALSO PARTICULARS OF NEXT OF KIN.

Thomas Smith

No. 8807

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Station Newcastle on Tyne Year 1845

STATEMENT of the Balance of Thomas Smith Account at the expiration of each Monthly Period, as it appears in the Company's Ledger.

MONTH.	Amount due to Thomas	Amount due from Smith	Signature of Officer to Credit. Signature of Soldier to Debit.
31 January	nil	0 - 1 - 1¼	T Smith
28 February	Nil	Nil	T Smith
31 March	Nil	1 - 2 - 1	T Smith
30 April	Nil	1 - 4 - 6¾	T Smith.
May 31	nil	nil	Wm Duff Wm Gunn T Smith
June 30	Nil	1 - 1 - 6¼	T Smith
July 31	Nil	Nil	Wm Gunn Captain T Smith

Particulars of any advance made to
going on Furlough, or otherwise, or of any stoppage from his Pay made in consequence of the sentence of a Court-Martial, or order from the Secretary at War. Also date to which settled with when sent out to join his Regiment at a Foreign Station, or sent home invalided, &c., specifying advance of Sea-Pay.

Station Belfast Year 1845

Month.	Amount due to	Amount due from	Officer's Signature to Credit. Soldier's ditto to Debit.
August 31	Nil	Nil	Rodger Captain J Smith
September 30	Nil	Nil	J Potts Lieut J Smith
October 31	Nil	Nil	Rodger Captain J Smith
November 30	Nil	Nil	Rodger Captain J Smith
December 31	Nil	Nil	J Smith

CLOTHING ACCOUNT OF

Articles.	Date on which received by the Soldier.	Signature of the Soldier.
1 Coatee 1 Trousers 1 Shoes	1 April 1845	J Smith

FOR THE YEAR

Signature of the Quarter-Master or other Witness to the delivery, and any Remark or Explanation.
C. Davis 2 Lieut 20th Regt

Station Belfast Year 1846

Month.	Amount due to Thomas Smith	Amount due from Thomas Smith	Officer's Signature to Credit. Soldier's ditto to Debit.
January 31	Nil	Nil	J Rodgers Captain J Smith
February	Nil	Nil	J Rodgers Captain J Smith
March 31	Nil	" - 2 - 5¾	J Smith
April 30	- 6 - 7	1 —	J Smith
May 31	Nil	" " 3/4	J Smith
June 30	"	"	J Rodgers J Smith
July 31	"	" 1 "	J Smith
August 31	"	" 1½	J Smith
September 30	Nill	Nill	J Rodgers Captain J Smith
October 31	"	4½	J Smith
November 30	Nil	" - " - "½	J Smith
December 31	Nil	Nil	J Smith

Articles of Clothing.	Date on which received by the Soldier.	Signature of the Soldier.
1 Coat 1 Trowsers 1 Drawers 1 pair Boots	1st August 1846	J Smith

Signature of Quarter-Master or other Witness to delivery, and any Remark or Explanation.

Henry Leggett

Witness

Station Dublin Year 1847

Month.	Amount due to Thomas	Amount due from Smith	Officer's Signature to Credit. Soldier's ditto to Debit.
January 31	Nil	Nil	W. Richardson Capt 28th L Smith
February 28	1 — 0 — 0	1 — 11 — 11	W Richardson Capt 28th L Smith
March 31	Nil	Nil	W Richardson L Smith
April	Nil	Nil	W Richardson L Smith
May 31	1 — 1	Nil	W Richardson
June 30	1 7 — 11 1/4	Nil	W. R. Thomas
July 31	Nil	Nil	W.S. Richardson Capt 28th L Smith
August 31	Nil	Nil	W.S. Richardson Capt L Smith
September 30	Nil	Nil	W Richardson Capt 28th L Smith
October 31	Nil	Nil	W Richardson L Smith
November 30	Nil	Nil	W Richardson L Smith
December	Nil	Nil	W Richardson L Smith

Articles of Clothing.	Date on which received by the Soldier.	Signature of the Soldier.
1 Coat 1 Trowsers 1 Pr Boots	1st Dec 1847	L Smith

Signature of Quarter-Master or other Witness to delivery, and any Remark or Explanation.

J Lecann Ct

Station	Butterant.		Year 1848
Month.	Amount due to J. Smith	Amount due from J. Smith	Officer's Signature to Credit. Soldier's ditto to Debit.
January 31	Nil	Nil	W Buckhorn Capt 66 J Smith
February 29	Nil	Nil	W Buckhorn Capt 66 J Smith
Butterant March 31	Nil	Nil	W G Mylius J Smith
April 30	Nil	Nil	W G Mylius J Smith
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

Articles of Clothing.	Date on which received by the Soldier.	Signature of the Soldier.
1 P. boots " P. trowsers 1 Cap - Compensation for 11 months -	April 1848 3d May 1848	J Smith J Smith

I. Thos J Smith acknowledge to have been settled with for my pay, clothing and allowances, and all just demands whatever to the 3rd day of May 1848

Witness
E. W. Mylius
Bt Majr.

I. Smith
Capt. Cam.

Signature of Quarter-Master or other Witness to delivery, and any Remark or Explanation.

Station			Year
Month.	Amount due to	Amount due from	Officer's Signature to Credit. Soldier's ditto to Debit.
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November			
December			

Articles of Clothing.	Date on which received by the Soldier.	Signature of the Soldier.

Signature of Quarter-Master or other Witness to delivery, and any Remark or Explanation.

Station			Year
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NEXT OF KIN.*

Degree of Relationship.	NAME.	Latest known Residence.	
		County.	Parish and Town.
~~Mother~~	~~Janet Smith~~	Mid Lothian	~~Edinburgh~~
Wife	Helen	25 Regiment	

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Cause and Date of becoming Non-effective.